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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE TITLE

Prior to the word "ROPES," insert - - METHOD OF MAKING;

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancell claims 2-34.

Please add the following as new claims 35-5/

- A rope of single-wall carbon nanotubes having 50 to 5000 single-wall carbon 35. nanotubes of which greater than 10% are (10, 10) single-wall carbon nanotubes.
- A rope of single-wall carbon nanotubes in accordance with claim 35 wherein more 36. than 50% are (10, 10) single-wall carbon nanotubes.
- 37. A rope of single-wall carbon nanotubes in accordance with claim 36 wherein more than 90% are (10, 10) single-wall carbon nanotubes.

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